



MAIL STOP PETITION
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IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

application of

Andrew DALY

Conf. 3985

Application No. 10/688,988

Group 3743

Filed October 21, 2003

Examiner S. Ali

TENDON AND LIGAMENT SUPPORT

Attn: Office of Petitions

PETITION TO REVIVE UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

April 11, 2006

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the above-identified application be revived, on the ground that abandonment was unavoidable.

An adequate showing of the cause of the delay, and that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(a) was unavoidable, is set forth in the accompanying declaration of the inventor, who did not receive the Official Action of June 6, 2005 (the Notice of Abandonment of December 29, 2005 incorrectly identifies the Official Action as having been mailed June 3, 2005).

A responsive amendment accompanies this petition.

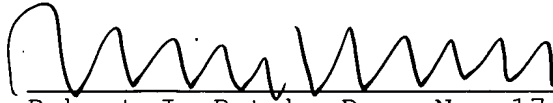
Please charge the small entity 37 CFR 1.17(l) petition fee of \$250 to the Deposit Account of the undersigned attorneys of record, No. 25-0120.

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No terminal disclaimer is required as the present application was filed after June 8, 1995.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert J. Patch', is written over a horizontal line.

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